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The purpose of the settlement, I hope, is to restrain Microsoft's monopolistic tactics in the future. Allowing them to donate their software and compatible hardware to schools would be a step in the wrong direction, only furthering their monopoly. Anything to equalize the playing field would be helpful, e.g., let them purchase competitors' products for the schools.

I believe MS should be required to make most of its products and Web services compatible with all other systems. Windows should be provided separately from other MS products (Outlook Express, etc.) so that hardware makers could include competing products and users could make easier choices.

Good luck.

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